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United States Honor Flag will Honor Fallen

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska)— In honor of fallen Hoonah Police Sergeant Anthony Wallace, Officer Matthew Tokuoka and U.S. Customs Agent Charles Collins the United States Honor Flag (USHF) will come to Alaska. It is being routed through Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport in recognition of the late Senator Ted Stevens. The USHF arrival ceremony will occur on Friday September 3, 2010 at approximately 10:35 in the morning*. The U.S. Honor Flag Organization, with assistance from the offices of Congressman Don Young and Governor Sean Parnell, was instrumental in organizing this event. Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement and Fire Department personnel from numerous agencies will be in the airport to participate in the procession.

The USHF will be carried up the ramp by an Honor Guard who will proceed through the airport and transport the flag to AST Helo-1 and flown to the Anchorage Park Strip. Another Honor Guard will then march the USHF to the Evergreen memorial chapel and be placed between the remains of the slain officers. It will stay with the officers until after the memorial service in Hoonah, Alaska.

The USHF was flown at Ground Zero during the recovery efforts following the 9/11 tragedy. It has since traveled around the United States to honor fallen Police Officers and Fire Fighters. This is the first time it will be in Alaska.

NOTE TO REPORTERS:

All news media planning to attend the ceremony at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport must RSVP with Chief Lauri Burkmire of the Airport Police and Fire Department at 266-2407. Chief Burkmire will inform media of security policies that reporters and camera crews are required to adhere to while in the airport.

***Time of arrival may vary depending on the flight status. (Alaska Airlines' Flight 83). Please check flight arrival times in order to be on time for the Honor Guard procession.**